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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

Most of the tables in this publication have been prepared entirely on a monthly basis, to provide easy comparison of data. With a few exceptions, annual and quarterly figures are expressed as Monthly Averages, and these can be converted to actual totals by multiplying by 12 and 3 respectively.

For example (from page 1 opposite):

Marriages in year 1958 -	
Monthly average	542
Therefore Annual total = $12 \times 542 =$	6,504
(Actual figure is 6,505)	
Births in March quarter 1959 -	
Monthly average	1,698
Therefore quarterly total = $3 \times 1,698 =$	5,094
(Actual figure is 5,095)	

The statistics as published can be adapted to give information in a number of different forms. For instance -

- (1) Details can be obtained for calendar or financial years as required, by addition of figures for the four relevant quarters.
- (2) Progress total for the year to date can be obtained by adding totals of quarters and months.  
e.g. If May figures are the latest published, total for the 5 months to May = 3 X monthly average of March quarter + April and May.

This procedure can be used to calculate corresponding figures for the same period of the previous two years, or similar information on a financial year basis.

Details of production on pages 6 - 9 are for selected items only. Particulars for several commodities of considerable importance in this State have been withheld because publication would reveal confidential information.

It should be noted that in many cases particulars for the "current" month are not available when this bulletin is issued. In such instances, the most up-to-date information is shown.

### ABBREVIATIONS USED

Throughout this bulletin the following symbols have been used -

n.a.	Not available	p	Preliminary figures
..	Nil (or less than 0.5)	r	Revised since previous issue

When the symbols "p" and "r" are placed in the column headed "Period" (as for example on page 11), they refer to all figures on that particular line.

DEMOGRAPHY

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Period	Births	Marriages	Deaths		Net Migration	Population (b)	
			Infant (a)	Total		Whole State	Metro- politan
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>							
Year:							
1954	1,519	516	32	598	961	808,243	490,300
1955	1,541	519	36	628	1,286	834,635	508,700
1956	1,580	523	31	633	1,326	861,912	526,500
1957	1,628	548	34	631	1,028	886,203	542,300
1958	1,671	542	37	645	790	907,992	555,200
Quarter:							
Dec.	1956	1,610	536	27	560	1,567	861,912
Mar.	1957	1,672	576	35	570	1,156	868,687
June		1,513	572	27	582	547	873,123
Sept.		1,755	485	43	787	1,391	880,200
Dec.		1,572	561	30	586	1,016	886,203
Mar.	1958	1,662	563	33	562	882	892,149
June		1,619	575	31	607	521	896,750
Sept.		1,715	485	46	767	712	901,728
Dec.		1,687	546	41	646	1,047	907,992
Mar.	1959	1,698	597	35	590	1,149	914,763
June		1,630	543	30	638	1,032	920,835
Sept.		r 1,865	484	49	850	n.a.	n.a.
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>							
Sept.	1957	1,735	577	47	862		
Oct.		1,692	576	34	715	NOT	
Nov.		1,517	540	34	592		
Sept.	1958	1,749	553	37	710	AVAILABLE	
Oct.		1,859	547	52	798		
Nov.		1,364	562	30	574		
Sept.	1959	r 1,848	569	42	704		
Oct.		r 1,621	702	r 27	585		
Nov.		1,608	487	30	545		

(a) Under 1 year of age

(b) As at the end of each period

NOTE: Population increases of the State can be calculated from the above figures as the sum of Natural Increase (Births minus Deaths) plus Net Migration.

## EMPLOYMENT AND BASIC WAGE

Period	Employment (a)						Basic Wage (b)	
	Total	Govern- ment	Private	Principal Industrial Groups				
				Factories	Const- ruction	Retail Trade		
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	s. d.	
<u>MONTH</u>								
MALES								
July	1955	181.5	55.9	125.6	72.7	19.0	12.1	231 0
	1956	187.0	57.1	129.9	73.6	21.2	12.3	241 0
	1957	185.8	58.6	127.2	72.7	20.1	12.1	251 0
	1958	185.8	59.2	126.6	73.0	18.9	12.3	256 0
	1959	191.4	61.8	129.6	75.2	20.7	12.4	271 0
August	1957	185.9	58.4	127.5	72.8	19.7	12.1	251 0
September		186.0	58.5	127.5	73.0	19.4	12.1	251 0
October		185.8	58.7	127.1	73.4	19.1	12.1	251 0
August	1958	185.7	59.1	126.6	73.0	19.0	12.3	256 0
September		186.1	59.2	126.9	73.1	19.0	12.3	256 0
October		186.5	59.6	126.9	73.4	19.1	12.3	256 0
August	1959	191.7	62.0	129.7	75.4	20.7	12.5	271 0
September		192.5	62.1	130.4	76.0	20.5	12.6	271 0
October		192.5	61.9	130.6	76.2	20.3	12.7	271 0
FEMALES								
July	1955	60.1	12.5	47.6	15.6	0.4	12.6	173 0
	1956	62.7	13.6	49.1	15.6	0.5	13.0	180 6
	1957	62.5	14.0	48.5	15.7	0.5	12.3	188 0
	1958	63.4	14.8	48.6	15.8	0.5	12.1	192 0
	1959	65.6	16.0	49.6	16.0	0.5	12.6	203 0
August	1957	62.6	14.0	48.6	15.9	0.5	12.2	188 0
September		62.9	14.1	48.8	16.0	0.5	12.3	188 0
October		62.9	14.1	48.8	16.0	0.5	12.3	188 0
August	1958	63.3	14.8	48.5	15.6	0.5	12.1	192 0
September		63.6	14.7	48.9	15.7	0.5	12.3	192 0
October		63.8	14.7	49.1	15.8	0.5	12.5	192 0
August	1959	65.8	16.0	49.8	16.2	0.5	12.5	203 0
September		66.4	16.0	50.4	16.4	0.5	12.6	203 0
October		66.8	16.0	50.8	16.5	0.5	12.8	203 0

(a) As at last pay-day in month. EXCLUDING rural workers, female private domestics and defence forces.

(b) At end of month.

## UNEMPLOYMENT

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Period	Registered with Commonwealth Employment Service			Unemployment Benefits		
	Vacancies filled	Vacancies available (a)	Applicants awaiting placement (a) (b)	Persons admitted	Amount paid	Persons on Benefit (a)
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>	No.	No.	No.	No.	£	No.
Year:						
1954	1,896	6,583	1,104	55	1,506	64
1955	1,953	6,410	1,298	39	743	56
1956	1,902	1,668	3,299	365	4,869	978
1957	1,746	1,430	4,593	624	15,563	1,568
1958	1,865	2,059	5,240	898	33,212	1,703
Quarter:						
Dec. 1956	1,666	1,668	3,299	574	9,426	978
Mar. 1957	2,186	1,365	3,294	395	10,914	481
June	1,594	1,084	4,152	629	9,904	1,054
Sept.	1,586	1,385	4,164	791	17,683	1,233
Dec.	1,621	1,430	4,593	680	23,749	1,568
Mar. 1958	2,463	1,050	5,484	892	26,547	1,521
June	1,495	948	5,873	1,128	33,871	2,258
Sept.	1,604	1,344	5,439	961	42,136	1,930
Dec.	1,899	2,059	5,240	613	30,296	1,703
Mar. 1959	2,543	1,526	5,149	667	24,109	1,116
June	2,198	1,581	4,824	668	24,259	1,332
Sept.	2,107	1,825	4,388	625	24,400	1,226
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>						
Sept. 1957	1,731	1,385	4,164	613	17,034	1,233
Oct.	1,926	1,423	4,161	553	15,335	1,240
Nov.	1,553	1,428	4,492	847	25,841	1,418
Sept. 1958	1,787	1,344	5,439	708	47,784	1,930
Oct.	1,960	1,377	5,209	591	38,240	1,706
Nov.	1,860	1,769	5,112	695	29,201	1,505
Sept. 1959	2,295	1,825	4,388	431	27,189	1,226
Oct.	1,748	1,892	4,373	535	17,604	r 1,158
Nov.	1,900	2,180	4,459	425	20,818	1,115

(a) Actual numbers as at the end of the period.

(b) Applicants who stated when registering that they were unemployed. Includes recipients of Unemployment Benefits.

BUILDINGS - COMMENCEMENTS AND COMPLETIONS  
(WHOLE STATE)

Period	Houses		Flats		Total Buildings (a)	
	Number (a)	Value (£'000)	Number (a)	Value (£'000)	Number	Value (£'000)
COMMENCEMENTS						
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>						
Year: 1954-55	599	1,767	6	13	672	2,496
1955-56	698	2,131	11	27	781	3,600
1956-57	569	1,792	25	55	662	2,657
1957-58	579	1,875	42	90	684	2,971
1958-59	677	2,170	63	153	822	3,561
Quarter:						
Dec. 1956	604	1,824	15	27	677	2,430
Mar. 1957	512	1,648	28	69	619	2,972
June	580	1,849	24	52	671	2,643
Sept.	644	2,106	42	108	760	3,029
Dec.	563	1,824	30	51	653	2,710
Mar. 1958	505	1,624	50	104	615	2,961
June	605	1,945	44	97	708	3,187
Sept.	638	2,029	85	238	816	3,612
Dec.	632	2,017	76	171	793	3,389
Mar. 1959	653	2,104	32	67	752	3,226
June	785	2,531	57	136	928	4,020
Sept.	r 755	2,456	r 59	150	895	4,276
COMPLETIONS						
Year: 1954-55	610	1,721	9	19	688	2,257
1955-56	643	1,940	7	17	721	2,810
1956-57	599	1,900	19	43	688	2,833
1957-58	634	2,059	31	73	733	3,171
1958-59	679	2,188	53	130	808	3,700
Quarter:						
Dec. 1956	670	2,088	25	64	761	2,986
Mar. 1957	543	1,739	16	37	621	2,863
June	570	1,827	31	61	677	2,850
Sept.	641	2,036	32	82	743	3,003
Dec.	686	2,245	26	59	795	3,393
Mar. 1958	583	1,922	40	94	680	3,028
June	625	2,032	26	55	714	3,258
Sept.	680	2,191	54	131	799	3,244
Dec.	679	2,198	67	167	830	4,685
Mar. 1959	611	1,959	49	123	734	3,158
June	744	2,404	43	98	869	3,712
Sept.	r 719	2,339	51	119	853	3,771

(a) See notes (b) and (c) on page 5.

## BUILDINGS - PERMITS (a)

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## (METROPOLITAN AREA)

Period	Houses		Flats		Total Buildings (c)	
	Number (b)	Value (£'000)	Number (b)	Value (£'000)	Number	Value (£'000)
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>						
Year: 1954-55	477	1,339	6	11	537	1,845
1955-56	471	1,447	11	17	537	2,080
1956-57	361	1,140	37	64	448	1,526
1957-58	381	1,220	45	73	474	1,740
1958-59	403	1,306	56	131	492	1,953
<u>Quarter:</u>						
Dec. 1956	373	1,114	11	19	429	1,398
Mar. 1957	308	1,000	19	34	376	1,332
June	439	1,386	65	112	558	1,931
Sept.	471	1,519	43	69	567	2,011
Dec.	357	1,127	44	72	449	1,549
Mar. 1958	302	1,006	49	80	397	1,712
June	392	1,228	43	72	485	1,688
Sept.	481	1,533	58	135	569	2,227
Dec.	347	1,133	62	121	446	1,821
Mar. 1959	382	1,238	38	111	450	1,779
June	400	1,319	65	155	502	1,982
Sept.	437	1,482	48	107	527	2,281
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>						
Sept. 1957	450	1,567	50	76	552	2,107
Oct.	399	1,316	34	59	489	1,835
Nov.	458	1,267	37	59	553	1,336
Sept. 1958	448	1,468	69	216	560	2,289
Oct.	406	1,280	26	58	482	2,125
Nov.	377	1,227	82	146	494	1,898
Sept. 1959	359	1,292	44	99	451	2,199
Oct.	437	1,460	28	62	501	2,358
Nov.	685	2,139	33	81	751	2,898

(a) Includes Housing Trust, but excludes other Government authorisations.

(b) Each dwelling unit of maisonettes and flats counted separately.

(c) Includes factories, shops and other new buildings.

## PRODUCTION - SELECTED COMMODITIES

Period	Coal	Iron Ore (a)	Electricity	Clay Bricks (b)	Cement Roofing Tiles	Sawn Timber (c)
	tons	tons	'000 K.W.H.	'000	'000	'000 sup.ft.
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>						
Year: 1954-55	41,343	247,561	93,270	6,069	694	6,829
1955-56	37,555	268,980	100,293	6,235	805	8,295
1956-57	43,829	297,834	109,601	6,409	687	7,773
1957-58	59,131	276,729	131,737	6,998	650	6,909
1958-59	61,269	284,697	p 132,643	p 8,787	p 664	p 9,615
<u>Quarter:</u>						
Sept. 1957	64,656	263,655	142,000	7,194	669	6,505
Dec.	50,323	295,178	129,100	6,890	640	6,263
Mar. 1958	63,951	273,373	126,000	6,709	633	6,839
June	57,593	274,712	129,800	7,200	658	8,030
Sept.	69,083	287,921	p 141,816	p 8,852	p 679	p 8,814
Dec.	61,046	281,526	p 120,434	p 8,861	p 574	p 9,091
Mar. 1959	54,418	278,090	p 128,145	p 7,989	p 584	p 8,847
June	60,530	291,251	p 140,179	p 9,445	p 820	p 11,708
Sept.	56,295	289,123	p 157,859	p 9,882	p 930	p 11,110
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>						
Sept. 1957	63,553	n.a.	133,100	7,196	656	6,418
Oct.	56,982	n.a.	129,100	7,367	727	6,474
Nov.	53,036	n.a.	129,700	7,314	689	6,528
Sept. 1958	68,910	n.a.	p 131,240	p 8,796	p 651	p 8,732
Oct.	63,319	n.a.	p 124,782	p 9,543	p 612	p 8,859
Nov.	63,353	n.a.	p 117,528	p 8,840	p 603	p 9,067
Sept. 1959	60,512	n.a.	p 150,877	p 10,856	p 1,013	p 10,156
Oct.	58,568	n.a.	p 149,167	p 9,784	p 795	n.a.
Nov.	57,562	n.a.	p 147,377	p 10,056	p 959	n.a.

(a) Includes Jaspalite.

(b) Standard size, common and coloured.

(c) From Australian logs only.

## PRODUCTION - SELECTED COMMODITIES

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Period	Paints (other than water) & Enamels	Water Paints (Emulsion type)	Fibrous Plaster Sheets	Electric Storage Hot Water Systems	Electric Washing Machines	Bath Heaters (all kinds)	Caravans
	galls	galls.	Sq. yds.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<b>MONTHLY AVERAGES</b>							
Year: 1954-55	n.a.	n.a.	91,417	478	6,432	1,014	29
1955-56	n.a.	n.a.	86,102	509	5,897	1,007	63
1956-57	n.a.	n.a.	74,868	379	4,348	951	66
1957-58	106,419	25,437	76,293	428	5,182	902	70
1958-59 p	99,554	16,531	84,852	514	6,467	830	77
<b>Quarter:</b>							
Sept. 1957	100,056	35,442	80,699	471	4,575	1,178	66
Dec.	119,989	32,316	78,621	416	4,673	980	87
Mar. 1958	112,679	19,715	67,394	376	5,121	666	73
June	92,951	14,275	78,457	448	6,359	784	55
Sept. p	106,590	20,451	88,825	505	6,647	1,041	76
Dec. p	113,969	17,339	81,838	509	6,528	863	111
Mar. 1959 p	87,269	14,270	79,844	472	5,413	679	61
June p	90,389	14,065	88,902	568	7,278	737	59
Sept. p	93,469	12,619	101,397	682	6,883	948	85
<b>MONTHLY TOTALS</b>							
Sept. 1957	108,530	35,216	80,398	457	4,475	1,137	74
Oct.	119,133	39,768	r 86,193	441	4,677	1,163	r 85
Nov.	132,636	34,192	85,340	479	4,562	962	90
Sept. 1958 p	113,581	22,986	87,981	532	6,657	961	120
Oct. p	118,793	17,606	93,445	530	7,101	1,066	105
Nov. p	120,063	17,691	81,159	434	6,401	859	119
Sept. 1959 p	95,949	11,549	100,974	684	6,463	994	111
Oct. p	96,289	14,756	95,459	639	5,743	648	130
Nov. p	n.a.	n.a.	96,820	n.a.	5,601	603	n.a.

## PRODUCTION - SELECTED COMMODITIES

Period	Inner Spring Mattresses	Footwear (a)	Men's 2 piece suits	Sports trousers	Meat (b)	
					Beef and Veal	Lamb and Mutton
	No.	pairs	No.	pairs	tons	tons
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>						
Year: 1954-55	2,784	127,953	n.a.	n.a.	2,869	4,154
1955-56	3,526	128,112	n.a.	n.a.	3,126	3,695
1956-57	3,601	133,352	n.a.	n.a.	3,355	3,547
1957-58	4,127	139,259	2,179	6,544	3,423	4,473
1958-59 p	4,142	133,479	2,210	4,713	3,479	4,510
<u>Quarter:</u>						
Sept. 1957	4,331	150,138	2,590	6,646	3,461	3,484
Dec.	4,383	131,387	2,527	6,429	3,420	6,460
Mar. 1958	3,981	127,128	1,945	6,673	3,280	4,549
June	3,814	148,381	1,655	6,427	3,529	3,401
Sept. p	4,190	144,857	2,495	4,314	3,102	3,780
Dec. p	4,215	129,360	2,313	5,725	3,631	6,634
Mar. 1959 p	3,813	106,764	1,853	4,233	3,636	4,036
June p	4,349	152,935	2,180	4,582	3,548	3,589
Sept. p	4,529	140,143	2,581	4,333	3,106	4,738
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>						
Sept. 1957	3,923	146,472	2,506	6,223	3,192	4,086
Oct.	4,429	145,957	2,608	6,012	3,756	7,823
Nov.	4,312	140,352	2,528	6,934	3,174	6,361
Sept. 1958 p	4,318	139,428	3,098	4,310	2,675	4,025
Oct. p	4,224	147,037	2,684	6,545	3,621	7,908
Nov. p	3,663	129,666	2,174	5,968	3,672	6,603
Sept. 1959 p	4,485	137,294	2,589	5,894	2,944	6,234
Oct. p	4,199	140,925	3,340	4,881	3,146	7,884
Nov. p	4,416	141,755	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

(a) Excludes infants' soft-soled nursery footwear.

(b) Bone-in weight.

## PRODUCTION - SELECTED COMMODITIES

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Period	Butter (a)	Cheese (a)	Bacon and Ham (b)	Confect- ionery	Margarine	Aerated Waters
'000 lbs.					'000 gall.	
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>						
Year: 1954-55	1,588	2,446	582	357	171	574
1955-56	1,598	2,358	617	391	190	621
1956-57	1,576	2,232	590	415	238	546
1957-58	1,313	1,959	554	409	257	612
1958-59 p	1,317	2,084	541	450	273	684
Quarter:						
Sept. 1957	1,625	2,565	544	471	315	n.a.
Dec.	1,885	3,491	680	385	216	n.a.
Mar. 1958	884	966	500	351	230	844
June	856	815	493	429	267	454
Sept. p	1,575	2,428	538	520	314	416
Dec. p	1,914	3,736	669	430	238	819
Mar. 1959 p	906	1,233	454	348	257	987
June p	876	939	505	500	284	515
Sept. p	1,284	2,274	563	566	314	573
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>						
Sept. 1957	1,856	3,404	521	432	264	n.a.
Oct.	2,182	4,127	r 650	443	341	n.a.
Nov.	1,920	3,704	626	390	187	n.a.
Sept. 1958 p	1,891	3,277	581	516	315	556
Oct. p	2,210	4,137	585	465	r 366	617
Nov. p	1,869	3,947	615	439	202	833
Sept. 1959 p	1,515	3,152	621	483	306	789
Oct. p	1,688	4,008	608	450	360	762
Nov. p	n.a.	n.a.	620	n.a.	269	n.a.

(a) Factory production only. (b) Finished weight.

## EXPORTS - QUANTITY OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES

Period	Lamb	Wheat	Barley	Wool (a)	Lead (Fig)	Minerals (b)
	'000 lbs	'000 bush	'000 bush	'000 lbs	'000 cwt	'000 cwt
<b>MONTHLY AVERAGES</b>						
Year:	1954-55	2,136	1,164	1,228	9,763	229
	1955-56	1,437	1,325	1,159	11,772	239
	1956-57	1,123	1,677	1,559	12,967	268
	1957-58	1,394	1,229	1,466	11,516	272
	1958-59 p	1,790	1,212	1,483	13,056	237
<b>Quarter:</b>						
Dec.	1956	2,981	1,880	194	14,223	346
Mar.	1957	782	1,809	2,137	13,492	290
June		6	1,549	1,887	14,432	243
Sept.		148	1,366	2,600	10,665	262
Dec.		3,980	1,584	1,118	14,817	253
Mar.	1958	1,075	1,136	856	10,970	301
June		374	829	1,290	9,610	270
Sept.	p	558	914	1,458	9,671	203
Dec.	p	4,389	1,044	132	16,311	252
Mar.	1959 p	2,161	1,678	2,415	12,850	241
June	p	51	1,212	1,926	13,390	253
Sept.	p	331	2,199	1,284	11,413	139
<b>MONTHLY TOTALS</b>						
Aug.	1957	..	1,957	3,247	3,567	282
Sept.		442	644	2,024	13,110	314
Oct.		2,203	1,851	2,095	15,795	324
Aug.	1958 p	192	924	1,196	5,599	112
Sept.	p	1,359	830	413	12,073	200
Oct.	p	1,864	1,567	53	16,011	331
Aug.	1959 p	169	2,373	2,267	8,380	219
Sept.	p	818	2,371	1,065	11,142	62
Oct.	p	1,783	264	2,491	15,485	252

(a) Greasy, including scoured converted to greasy equivalent.

(b) Mainly copper, lead and zinc concentrates and ores.

## EXPORTS - VALUE OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES

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Period	Total Exports	Lamb	Wheat	Barley	Wool	Lead (Pig)	Minerals (a)
£'000							
MONTHLY AVERAGES							
Year: 1954-55	8,139	223	825	658	2,883	1,399	406
1955-56	7,923	141	921	586	2,919	1,598	397
1956-57	10,244	95	1,152	772	4,122	1,834	599
1957-58	8,323	139	890	716	3,045	1,309	653
1958-59 p	7,578	179	847	855	2,628	1,036	435
Quarter:							
Dec. 1956	10,498	252	1,295	112	4,378	2,434	493
Mar. 1957	11,072	65	1,274	1,101	4,408	2,007	578
June	10,822	1	1,066	881	4,970	1,556	458
Sept.	9,476	15	960	1,186	3,258	1,454	1,095
Dec.	9,502	398	1,142	502	4,060	1,291	745
Mar. 1958	7,462	104	830	470	2,747	1,316	402
June	6,854	37	630	705	2,115	1,173	368
Sept. p	6,426	56	686	804	2,020	867	433
Dec. p	7,540	439	763	78	3,160	1,178	497
Mar. 1959 p	8,002	215	1,150	1,437	2,466	1,042	155
June p	8,343	5	790	1,101	2,869	1,059	653
Sept. p	7,868	33	1,529	615	2,581	599	574
MONTHLY TOTALS							
Aug. 1957	8,050	..	1,373	1,496	1,164	1,563	726
Sept.	9,586	44	477	910	4,023	1,717	1,120
Oct.	11,592	219	1,339	972	4,638	1,699	1,148
Aug. 1958 p	4,927	19	684	676	1,204	484	175
Sept. p	6,381	136	631	217	2,485	841	447
Oct. p	8,257	186	1,165	29	3,083	1,642	423
Aug. 1959 p	8,529	17	1,658	1,097	1,861	951	952
Sept. p	7,848	81	1,669	479	2,672	291	694
Oct. p	8,349	178	192	1,053	3,636	1,102	318

(a) Mainly copper, lead and zinc concentrates and ores.

## IMPORTS - VALUE OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES

Period	Total Imports	Motor Vehicles & Parts	Machinery		Iron & Steel (b)	Textiles	Timber					
			Electric Motors (a)	Other								
£'000												
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>												
Year:	1954-55	5,400	886	225	638	607	350					
	1955-56	5,229	707	289	661	582	281					
	1956-57	3,784	378	230	551	282	208					
	1957-58	3,925	367	251	614	212	263					
	1958-59 p	3,779	428	314	556	166	235					
Quarter:												
Dec.	1956	3,743	372	198	535	201	186					
Mar.	1957	3,428	298	222	507	279	202					
June		3,195	234	197	472	241	205					
Sept.		4,357	398	297	786	276	294					
Dec.		3,964	399	209	600	184	225					
Mar.	1958	4,052	369	315	621	231	302					
June		3,328	304	181	447	157	230					
Sept.	p	3,665	431	288	521	167	255					
Dec.	p	3,963	325	261	564	162	221					
Mar.	1959 p	3,646	317	397	548	188	257					
June	p	3,849	646	308	599	146	207					
Sept.	p	4,727	613	373	651	154	242					
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>												
Aug.	1957	3,815	347	275	726	164	226					
Sept.		3,749	259	262	551	301	271					
Oct.		4,443	320	193	483	140	242					
Aug.	1958 p	4,037	739	309	499	185	263					
Sept.	p	3,593	232	237	617	162	288					
Oct.	p	4,665	357	367	579	174	238					
Aug.	1959 p	4,833	482	308	531	107	296					
Sept.	p	5,013	833	528	770	165	229					
Oct.	p	4,003	322	427	899	64	173					

(a) Dynamo electrical machinery and electrical appliances and equipment.

(b) Metal and semi-manufactures (basic shapes), except wire, but including structural iron and steel.

Period	New Motor Vehicles Registered				Licences Issued		Telephone Services Connected
	Total (a)	Cars	Station Wagons	Trucks & Utilities	Radio	Tele-vision	
<b>MONTHLY AVERAGE</b>	<b>Number of New Registrations</b>				<b>No.</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>No.</b>
Year:							
1954	2,055	1,341	13	456	1,537	..	1,145
1955	2,309	1,567	19	461	1,366	..	1,106
1956	1,937	1,278	23	414	1,627	..	1,325
1957	1,906	1,279	51	367	1,486	..	1,337
1958	1,966	1,246	152	357	1,692	..	1,438
Quarter:							
Dec. 1956	2,080	1,387	24	447	1,481	..	1,304
Mar. 1957	1,804	1,221	22	379	1,391	..	1,180
June	1,848	1,233	56	366	1,642	..	1,195
Sept.	1,863	1,249	52	350	1,572	..	1,557
Dec.	2,108	1,412	76	373	1,340	..	1,414
Mar. 1958	1,863	1,160	100	342	1,326	..	1,592
June	1,938	1,268	145	324	1,850	..	1,334
Sept.	1,891	1,209	158	343	1,799	..	1,334
Dec.	2,158	1,340	204	414	1,795	..	1,492
Mar. 1959	1,929	1,156	199	389	1,444	..	1,341
June	1,947	1,088	234	403	1,897	2,007	2,032
Sept.	2,135	1,221	313	377	1,644	3,752	1,595
<b>MONTHLY TOTALS</b>							
Sept. 1957	2,065	1,424	65	349	1,479	..	1,320
Oct.	2,095	1,383	64	387	1,254	..	1,680
Nov.	2,160	1,444	82	400	1,698	..	1,489
Sept. 1958	1,994	1,265	175	367	1,692	..	1,227
Oct.	2,133	1,382	166	410	1,882	..	1,594
Nov.	2,189	1,299	219	453	1,408	..	1,487
Sept. 1959	2,310	1,308	371	380	1,603	5,621	1,480
Oct.	2,524	1,565	353	390	1,760	5,744	1,624
Nov.	2,612	1,536	366	441	1,147	5,974	1,431
<b>AS AT 30TH NOV.</b>	<b>Total Vehicles on Register (b)</b>				<b>Total (c)</b>		
1957	254,281	167,706	65,704	234,941	..	163,425	
1958	264,517	177,303	66,852	242,534	..	174,133	
1959	267,889	184,448	65,326	248,938	28,995	186,250	

(a) Includes other types of vehicles, e.g. Buses, Motor Cycles

(b) Figures supplied by Registrar of Motor Vehicles - NOT directly comparable with New Registrations, e.g. Cars include station wagons.

(c) Total existing licences and phones includes Northern Territory (as at 30th June, 1959, Radio licences 3,260, Phones 3,211).

## RETAIL SALES

Period	Food-stuffs (a)	Beer, Wine & Spirits	Clothing Footwear etc.	Electri- cal Goods (b)	Other Goods (c)	Total (excl. motor vehicles)	Motor Vehicles
<b>MONTHLY AVERAGES</b>							
Year:						£ million	
1952-53	4.0	1.2	2.8	0.6	3.4	12.0	3.8
1953-54	4.3	1.3	3.0	0.7	3.7	13.0	4.3
1954-55	4.8	1.4	3.3	0.7	4.0	14.2	5.1
1955-56	5.2	1.5	3.5	0.8	4.3	15.3	5.5
1956-57	5.6	1.7	3.4	0.8	4.5	16.0	5.6
1957-58 p	5.7	1.7	3.4	0.9	4.5	16.2	5.6
1958-59 p	6.2	1.6	3.6	1.0	4.7	17.1	6.0
Quarter:							
Sept. 1956	5.5	1.5	3.3	0.7	4.3	15.3	5.3
Dec.	5.9	1.9	3.9	0.9	5.1	17.7	5.8
Mar. 1957	5.5	1.8	2.9	0.7	4.3	15.2	5.5
June	5.6	1.5	3.7	0.7	4.3	15.8	5.7
Sept. p	5.6	1.5	3.3	0.7	4.3	15.4	5.6
Dec. p	5.8	1.9	4.0	1.1	5.1	17.9	5.8
Mar. 1958 p	5.6	1.8	2.9	0.9	4.2	15.4	5.6
June p	5.7	1.5	3.6	0.8	4.4	16.0	5.4
Sept. p	5.9	1.4	3.4	0.9	4.5	16.1	5.7
Dec. p	6.5	1.8	4.1	1.1	5.3	18.8	6.3
Mar. 1959 p	6.2	1.8	3.0	0.9	4.4	16.3	6.0
June p	6.3	1.5	3.9	1.1	4.7	17.5	6.2

(a) Includes groceries, butchers' meat, fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread.

(b) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc.

(c) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., newspapers, books and stationery, chemists' goods, grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, etc. Excludes basic building materials (e.g. timber, roofing tiles, bricks, etc.)

NOTE: There has been slight revision of several figures since previous issue.

(Of Finance Businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail, but do not retail goods themselves)

Period	Number of agreements No.	Value of goods sold (b) £'000	Amount financed (c) £'000	Balances outstanding (end of period)
				£'000
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>				
Year: 1954-55	7,395	2,296	1,403	18,633
1955-56	7,852	2,471	1,518	21,618
1956-57	8,521	2,810	1,770	25,349
1957-58	10,765	2,921	1,898	28,761
1958-59	r 11,817	r 3,151	r 2,077	r 32,862
<u>Quarter:</u>				
Dec. 1956	9,451	3,129	1,973	24,751
Mar. 1957	8,195	2,776	1,754	25,226
June	8,482	2,599	1,640	25,349
Sept.	9,645	2,683	1,726	25,800
Dec.	11,717	3,084	2,011	27,454
Mar. 1958	10,714	2,920	1,895	27,898
June	10,986	2,996	1,961	28,761
Sept.	11,427	3,008	1,964	29,719
Dec.	r 13,145	r 3,474	r 2,293	31,867
Mar. 1959	r 11,164	r 2,963	r 1,952	r 32,143
June	r 11,531	r 3,160	r 2,099	r 32,862
Sept.	11,898	3,381	2,254	r 34,346
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>				
Aug. 1957	9,802	2,617	1,675	25,553
Sept.	9,587	2,728	1,756	25,800
Oct.	10,895	3,054	1,945	26,191
Aug. 1958	10,649	2,787	1,817	29,172
Sept.	12,356	3,191	2,076	29,719
Oct.	12,398	3,528	2,332	30,328
July 1959	11,746	3,284	2,173	r 33,380
Aug.	11,110	3,136	2,080	r 33,612
Sept.	12,839	3,723	2,508	r 34,346
Oct.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	p 35,105

(a) Includes Northern Territory

(b) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hire charges and insurance).

(c) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

## STATE FINANCE - CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND

Period (Quarterly)	Receipts			Payments			
	Total	Cwlth Grants	Business Under- takings	Total	Social Services	Debt Charges	Business Under- takings
£'000							
<b>MONTHLY AVERAGES</b>							
Year: 1954-55	4,324	1,343	1,752	4,510	1,159	815	1,556
1955-56	4,950	1,665	1,885	5,069	1,363	982	1,593
1956-57	5,480	1,885	1,995	5,484	1,504	1,101	1,639
1957-58	5,887	2,050	2,109	5,920	1,659	1,217	1,705
1958-59	6,057	2,089	2,099	6,142	1,908	1,340	1,601
Quarter							
Dec. 1956	5,674	1,596	2,612	5,987	1,505	1,103	1,714
Mar. 1957	5,614	1,687	2,149	4,979	1,380	957	1,515
June	6,583	2,668	1,926	6,262	1,702	1,439	1,754
Sept.	4,820	1,700	1,726	3,962	1,549	901	1,720
Dec.	6,002	1,842	2,626	6,320	1,674	1,344	1,762
Mar. 1958	5,806	1,710	2,236	5,492	1,554	899	1,620
June	6,919	2,949	1,849	6,907	1,857	1,721	1,716
Sept.	4,627	1,724	1,390	5,193	1,747	994	1,611
Dec.	6,433	1,820	2,832	6,693	1,945	1,457	1,603
Mar. 1959	5,784	1,770	2,175	5,617	1,772	1,090	1,538
June	7,383	3,043	1,998	7,066	2,167	1,817	1,651
Sept.	5,201	1,916	1,666	5,898	2,096	1,198	1,719
<b>MONTHLY TOTALS</b>							
Sept. 1957	4,666	1,700	1,698	4,943	1,505	961	1,724
Oct.	4,959	1,713	2,032	6,170	1,668	1,644	1,913
Nov.	7,110	1,699	3,973	7,823	1,552	1,941	1,715
Sept. 1958	4,883	1,724	1,648	5,225	1,734	993	1,663
Oct.	6,944	1,929	3,645	7,937	1,798	1,783	1,709
Nov.	5,602	1,753	2,220	6,652	1,728	2,149	1,549
Sept. 1959	5,198	1,903	1,759	6,069	2,150	1,182	1,796
Oct.	5,403	1,904	2,057	6,299	1,989	1,829	1,662
Nov.	8,118	2,303	3,922	8,232	1,916	2,010	1,697

Period	Real Estate			Savings Bank	Cheque Paying Banks		
	Mortgages		Transferred	Balance of Deposits	Balance of Deposits	Balance of Advances	Debits to Clients' Accounts
	Loaned	Dis-charged					
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>					(a)	(a)	(b)
Year: 1954-55	3,107	1,321	5,391	127,325	124,458	52,117	36,339
1955-56	3,186	1,405	5,537	133,068	122,374	54,499	39,618
1956-57	3,538	1,306	5,190	138,352	126,242	53,260	42,773
1957-58	3,695	1,697	6,034	145,615	134,711	57,286	44,370
1958-59	4,747	1,795	6,541	151,427	132,179	62,791	46,291
<u>Quarter:</u>							
Dec. 1956	3,596	1,209	4,525	138,122	122,956	53,912	43,405
Mar. 1957	3,637	1,324	5,307	138,305	133,002	51,906	44,072
June	3,661	1,410	5,811	139,796	133,516	52,803	45,146
Sept.	3,841	1,849	6,146	143,757	130,381	52,377	43,135
Dec.	3,401	1,504	5,551	146,000	136,037	56,194	46,114
Mar. 1958	3,572	1,613	5,935	146,176	141,178	57,502	43,260
June	3,968	1,820	6,504	146,529	131,350	62,985	44,969
Sept.	5,402	2,234	6,615	149,596	125,208	63,253	42,559
Dec.	4,391	1,643	6,041	150,415	129,536	63,483	47,647
Mar. 1959	4,123	1,345	6,198	151,732	138,129	61,897	46,626
June	5,071	1,957	7,309	153,966	136,299	62,462	48,252
Sept.	5,002	2,374	7,881	158,971	132,003	64,645	49,351
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>							
Sept. 1957	3,594	1,742	5,598	144,203	130,525	52,548	43,265
Oct.	4,259	1,602	6,038	146,084	134,647	54,805	44,165
Nov.	3,381	1,547	5,449	146,229	136,370	56,584	45,718
Sept. 1958	4,693	1,659	6,018	149,850	124,291	61,853	42,495
Oct.	4,360	1,666	6,694	150,001	128,091	62,779	45,205
Nov.	4,381	1,662	5,951	150,600	130,068	63,936	46,011
Sept. 1959	4,568	2,049	7,259	159,900	133,085	64,916	51,429
Oct.	5,261	2,235	7,664	161,153	132,708	66,395	51,984
Nov.	5,813	2,489	7,569	161,884	135,792	67,519	N.A.

(a) Average of balances at close of business on Wednesdays during the period. Banks were exempted from submitting returns for the 5th Wednesday in December, 1954, and the 4th Wednesday in December of the following years.

(b) Average of debits during weeks ending on Wednesdays in the period. Includes Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank, and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank.

## RETAIL PRICE INDEXES, ADELAIDE

Period		"C" SERIES INDEX						
		(Base of each group: weighted average of six capital cities 1923-27 = 1,000)						
Year:	1954-55	Food and Groceries		Rent	Clothing	Miscell-aneous	All Groups	
		A	B				A	B
Year:	1954-55	-	2,590	1,197	3,231	2,116	-	2,311
	1955-56	2,659	2,734	1,303	3,228	2,177	2,371	2,398
	1956-57	2,724	2,847	1,415	3,240	2,252	2,437	2,481
	1957-58	2,707	2,687	1,524	3,324	2,345	2,494	2,484
	1958-59	2,924	2,910	1,641	3,333	2,362	2,602	2,597
Quarter:	Dec. 1957	2,665	2,647	1,503	3,321	2,348	2,473	2,465
	Mar. 1958	2,646	2,635	1,516	3,329	2,350	2,472	2,466
	June	2,763	2,727	1,592	3,355	2,350	2,537	2,522
	Sept.	2,853	2,815	1,618	3,356	2,364	2,577	2,563
	Dec.	2,899	2,894	1,640	3,331	2,364	2,593	2,591
	Mar. 1959	2,936	2,946	1,651	3,319	2,360	2,605	2,609
	June	3,007	2,984	1,657	3,325	2,359	2,632	2,625
	Sept.	3,044	3,024	1,680	3,355	2,434	2,672	2,665
		INTERIM INDEX						
		(Base of each group: 1952-53 = 100)						
Period		Food		Rent	Clothing and Drapery	Other	All Groups	
		A	B				A	B
Year:	1954-55	106.3	106.2	105.6	102.9	99.9	103.6	103.6
	1955-56	108.7	111.1	114.9	102.9	103.7	106.3	107.2
	1956-57	111.1	114.9	124.8	103.9	107.9	109.5	110.9
	1957-58	112.2	111.9	134.6	107.1	111.2	112.6	112.5
	1958-59	118.0	118.0	144.9	107.9	113.0	116.4	116.4
Quarter:	Dec. 1957	110.7	110.4	132.6	107.1	111.1	111.8	111.7
	Mar. 1958	110.9	110.8	133.9	107.2	111.4	112.1	112.1
	June	114.2	113.4	140.6	108.1	111.6	114.2	114.0
	Sept.	116.0	115.3	143.0	108.2	112.6	115.4	115.2
	Dec.	116.9	117.2	144.8	108.0	112.6	115.9	116.0
	Mar. 1959	118.4	119.1	145.7	107.6	113.3	116.6	116.8
	June	120.7	120.5	146.2	107.8	113.5	117.6	117.5
	Sept.	121.2	121.1	148.1	108.7	117.5	119.2	119.2

A excludes and B includes price movements of potatoes and onions.

## RAINFALL - AGRICULTURAL AREAS

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Period	Statistical Division						Whole State			
	Central	Lower North	Upper North	South Eastern	Western	Murray Mallee				
Inches										
Year:										
	1954	15.19	14.53	13.98	18.99	11.88	12.81	13.83		
	1955	22.72	19.28	17.03	27.01	17.42	16.68	19.36		
	1956	20.88	21.13	18.45	28.10	21.46	16.51	20.46		
	1957	11.36	10.62	10.23	17.39	8.73	8.19	10.06		
	1958 p	17.19	15.41	17.20	22.71	16.35	13.35	16.07		
Wheatgrowing Season										
(April-Nov.)-		1954	12.56	11.72	11.10	15.90	9.78	11.24		
		1955	18.70	15.24	12.76	23.72	14.44	15.71		
		1956	18.86	18.98	16.09	24.78	19.26	18.18		
		1957	10.38	9.36	8.15	14.44	7.34	8.67		
		1958 p	15.55	13.49	15.10	21.39	13.35	13.99		
		1959 p	7.18	6.00	5.90	8.38	5.92	6.24		
Month:		April	1958 p	0.66	0.68	0.56	0.60	0.51	0.58	
		May	p	3.57	2.62	1.16	4.96	2.61	2.06	2.77
		June	p	0.41	0.15	0.03	1.09	0.31	0.12	0.28
		July	p	2.54	1.80	2.00	3.86	2.27	1.73	2.18
		Aug.	p	2.64	2.79	3.27	3.82	2.64	2.31	2.68
		Sept.	p	3.18	3.09	3.62	2.43	2.89	1.91	2.83
		Oct.	p	2.13	1.69	2.35	3.39	1.60	2.01	1.92
		Nov.	p	0.42	0.67	2.11	1.24	0.55	1.20	0.75
		April	1959 p	0.27	0.30	0.11	0.35	0.24	0.09	0.44
		May	p	0.46	0.26	0.47	0.65	0.57	0.37	0.44
		June	p	0.40	0.42	0.23	0.78	0.46	0.27	0.41
		July	p	1.16	1.44	1.79	1.29	1.15	0.63	1.15
		Aug.	p	1.47	1.03	0.56	2.60	0.61	0.86	1.03
		Sept.	p	1.32	1.01	1.17	1.41	1.02	0.93	1.09
		Oct.	p	1.44	0.90	1.13	0.74	0.75	1.77	1.14
		Nov.	p	0.66	0.64	0.44	0.56	1.12	0.47	0.75

NOTE: Rainfall figures are calculated averages over agricultural areas only, and are totals of periods shown (not monthly averages).

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